

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
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For: **METHOD FOR PROCESSING WORKPIECE SURFACES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Mail Stop PCT
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 4 of this paper.